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Victims' Rights Week Ceremony to Honor Slain Correctional Officer

Tomorrow, Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. at Central Booking

TOWSON, MD (April 17, 2008)---The Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services (DPDS) will honor victims of crime and dedicate a tree to the widow of slain correctional officer Lt. Perry Brooks on Friday at 10 a.m. The program will take place in the lobby of Central Booking and Intake Center, 300 E. Madison St. in Baltimore.

Lt. Brooks, a well-respected 23-year veteran, was killed during an off-duty robbery in his Northeast Baltimore neighborhood last year. His widow will attend the service and help plant a memorial tree.

Before the tree planting, a special program will acknowledge the services available to victims through DPDS and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Victim advocates from the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services will make remarks, as will Robin Woolford, the head of the State Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which this year is celebrating 40 years---during which it has given out more than \$91 million to help victims of violent crime recover some of their crime-related expenses.

The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services operates one of the busiest booking centers in America (Baltimore Central Booking and Intake), the Baltimore City Detention Center (men, women, and juveniles charged as adults), and the Pretrial Release Services Program. On any given day, approximately 4,000 men, women, and juveniles are housed in DPDS facilities awaiting trial or release.

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 13-19, 2008

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